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into state statute provisions with the word "shall." Referring to LB 559, no person shall be licensed to operate a motor vehicle by the state of Nebraska if such person's Social Security number is not validated by the Social Security Administration. This goes beyond the federal guidance that we need to undertake in this area. So I think members need to be aware of that as we proceed with regard to the bill. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. Senator Schrock, on the Thompson amendment, AM2564.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just want to commend Senator Thompson for bringing this amendment. I carried the bill LB 138 last year, which allowed for people to say, if I am a donor, I put it on my driver's license, it means that's what I want to do, and the next of kin couldn't change that desire. So, I've got a constituent who brought that issue to me. He has lived with a set of lungs that aren't his for over ten years, has had a great deal of interest in this. And so I...as brief as I can be, I'm very supportive of what you're trying to do.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Thompson, followed by Senator Engel.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President. To answer a few questions—and Senator Bourne, I'll be happy to yield some time to you in a moment. Just to give you a little history of this bill, this has been worked on for a couple of years, trying to get through the issues. And I really want to commend the Department of Motor Vehicles for putting their staff and their director spending a lot of time in making sure this is workable in terms of a lot of the issues that have been brought up, both in terms of technically and how to transfer the information and how to get that set up, as well as to deal with the issue that Senator Bourne mentioned. At the beginning of this process, they were very leery of that particular issue, and have now...believe, and why they testified in favor of the bill was that the mechanisms were set up in the bill to be able to address those issues from a state government perspective. And